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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS



LIFE LINE Residents of Rosales, Pangasinan, hold on for dear life to a rope as they cross a highway that has been turned into a rampaging river by floodwaters brought on by Tropical Depression "Pepeng" on Friday. A week of relentless rains in northern Luzon has left scores of towns and villages under water, officials said on Friday.

150 die in Benguet slide

Baby's body in sack moves mayor to cry

By Delmar Cariño, Vincent Cabreza, Frank Cimatu and Inquirer Northern Luzon staff

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—Gazing at a mountainside that had collapsed, La Trinidad Mayor Artemio Galwan was moved to tears on seeing the ruins of houses swamped by mud.

Then he asked what was inside the sack being carried by a trolley. He was told it contained the body of a baby. It was killed in the landslide that smashed into the community of Little Kibungan.

The mayor's eyes moistened, he bowed his head and uttered a prayer. On a normal day, the trolley would have been carrying vegetables from highland farms.

Galwan told the Inquirer yesterday more than 20 houses were swept away by the landslides that occurred on Thursday night, and he feared around 150 people might have been buried in the avalanche that hit his town.

"Kabaeyt da pinaen (They are pitiful)," Galwan, who was supervising rescue operations, said as the first

IN DEATH/BENGUET A6



REQUIEM FOR HEROES Rescuers dig out of the muddy rubble the bodies of three rescuers—a fireman, an engineer and a volunteer—who lost their lives while trying to save the victims of a landslide at Sitio Bupagan in La Trinidad, Benguet, on Friday.

Pangasinan residents living in 'virtual ocean'

By Gabriel Cardinoza and Yolanda Sotelo
Inquirer Northern Luzon

DAGUPAN CITY—SCENES OF THE KILLER FLOODS SPAWNED BY TROPICAL Storm "Ondoy" in Metro Manila on Sept. 26 were replicated in the province of Pangasinan starting Thursday night until yesterday, with raging waters forcing residents to clamber to their rooftops to save themselves.

Continuous rains in the past two days compounded by the release of water from the San Roque Dam in San Manuel town swelled waterways, caused major dikes to give way and swamped at least 30 towns and cities in eastern and central Pangasinan.

Residents described their communities as a virtual ocean. A year-old child drowned in Pampanga, and a 45-year-old woman died of cardiac arrest in an evacuation center in Nueva Ecija.

Villasis Mayor Nonato Abrenica said he had never before seen waters reaching as high as the currents that swallowed his town on Thursday.

"This is the first time something like this happened, as far as I can remember. The people were so terrified, and they ran away from their homes when they saw the waters rising," Abrenica, 50, said when reached by phone yesterday.

In the farming town of Tayug (pop.

RESIDENTS A17

Dam if you do, dam if you don't

By Alcuin Papa and Amy R. Remo

DAMS HAVE TO RELEASE WATER OR more catastrophic flooding will occur, according to the top official of the Pagasa weather bureau's Hydrometeorological (Hydromet) Division.

Hydromet chief Susan Espinueva said the nine dams her agency was monitoring in Luzon were built to hold only a certain volume of water.

"It's vital to keep dams up to their normal levels or they might break. When that happens, you will have major floods and more problems than you might care for," Espinueva told the Inquirer.

She cited this example: A controlled

DAM IF YOU DO A6

After 10 days, 'Pepeng' finally set to leave RP

By Alcuin Papa

AFTER A 10-DAY JAUNT ACROSS northern Luzon, most of it over land, Tropical Depression "Pepeng" has been spotted over the South China Sea, poised to make its way out of the country tomorrow.

In its 5 p.m. weather update yesterday, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) said Pepeng was over the South China Sea off the western coast of the Ilocos region and expected to continue moving away from the country.

It was spotted 130 kilometers west of Vigan City, packing maximum winds of 55 kilometers per hour. It was fore-

AFTER 10 DAYS A6

14 men strafe Neri's house: 150 bullet holes

By Nancy C. Carvajal, Ronnel W. Domingo and TJ Burgonio

IN A DARING DAYLIGHT ATTACK, gunmen opened fire yesterday on the Quezon City house of Social Security System President Romulo Neri, a controversial figure of late for his role in the NBN-ZTE scandal that has entangled President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Neri told reporters he was in the shower when two vans pulled up outside his residence with a group of armed men in military uniforms who shot at his house and parked vehicle.

The gate and walls of Neri's two-

14 MEN A6

Floods sink prices of Dagupan 'bangus'



By Gabriel Cardinoza and Yolanda Sotelo
Inquirer Northern Luzon

DAGUPAN CITY—TRAPPED ON THE roofs of their huts because of 20-foot-high floodwaters, fishpond owners watched helplessly while neighbors

FLOODS SINK A17

Obama wins Nobel Peace Prize, stuns world

OSLO—IN A STUNNING SURPRISE, US President Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday less than a year after he took office with the jury hailing his "extraordinary" diplomatic efforts on the international stage.

The decision to award one of the world's top accolades to a president who has yet to score a major foreign policy success, provoked strong international criticism as well as praise.

Speculation had focused on Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, a Colombian senator and a Chinese dissident, along with an Afghan women rights activist.

The stunning choice made Obama the third sitting US president to win the Nobel Peace Prize and shocked Nobel observers because Obama took office less than two weeks before the Feb. 1 nomination deadline.

Obama's name had been mentioned in speculation before the award but many Nobel watchers believed it was too early to award the president.

OBAMA A6



OBAMA Peace initiatives still to bear fruit. [illegible]



'Ondoy' insurance claims hit P11B

INSURANCE COMPANIES FACE AT LEAST P11-billion in property claims alone from the devastation brought about by Tropical Storm "Ondoy," according to the Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (Pira).

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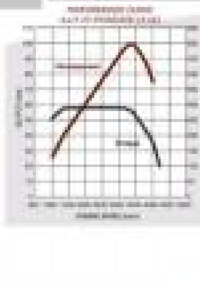
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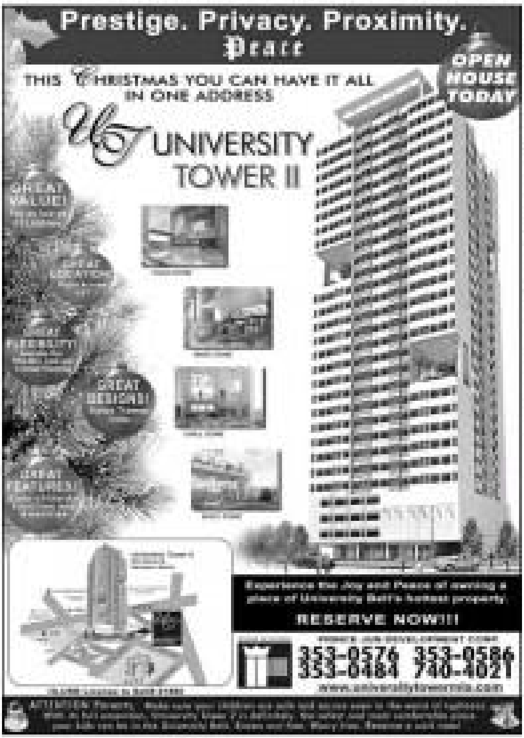
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Rotating brownouts to continue in Metro, Rizal



GMA ally, 57 others bolt Lakas-Kampi, join Villar's NP



PDI holds relief operations in Laguna, Marikina City

Drop-off points

Cash donations



House to tackle P10-B addt'l calamity fund

By Christine O. Avendaño

HOUSE LEADERS HAVE ASSURED THE Senate that they would tackle on Monday the proposed P10-billion supplemental budget for the relief and rehabilitation of victims of Tropical Storm "Ondoy" and rush its approval before Congress takes a break next week, Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri said yesterday.

Zubiri said he expects President Macapagal-Arroyo to certify the measure as urgent.

At the very least, Zubiri said Congress would extend its session by one day in order to approve the measure.

"There will only be a special session of Congress if there is delay in the House," Zubiri told the Inquirer.

While Congress is scheduled to take a break starting Oct. 17, session is usually held on Oct. 14 until Wednesday.

Malacañang officials had called on Congress to approve the proposed P10-billion supplemental budget, noting the government was in dire need of calamity funds for the massive relief and rehabilitation of Metro Manila and other provinces badly affected by "Ondoy" and Typhoon "Pepeng."

Congressional leaders earlier learned that the P1-billion calamity fund for this year had dwindled to P27 million, which Zubiri said yesterday was just good enough for one week of relief work in Metro Manila.

In a phone interview, Zubiri said he had spoken to House Majority Leader Arthur Defensor and House appropriations committee chair Rep. Junie Cua who both assured him that the House would tackle "first thing" on Monday the calamity fund measure.

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TO SCARE, NOT TO KILL [illegible]

In eye of scandal

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'In military uniforms'

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To scare, not to kill

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Obama wins Nobel Peace Prize

'Hope for better future'

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New agenda

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'Extraordinary efforts'

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Obama gave hope

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Fierce criticism

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'Ondoy' victims relocation to take a year, says Cabral

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Coconut farmers nix conversion of SMC shares

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US Embassy sets deadline for WWII vets to file claims

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150 die in Benguet landslide; 70 missing



Dam if you do, dam if you don't; let out water or dam breaks



FAST FACTS

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Comelec bares rules on substitution of candidates

US firm to test poll automation system

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OPINION

Beyond redemption

EDITORIAL

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LETTER OF CREdence by a new ambassador is usually an occasion for the affirmation of friendship and goodwill between nations as well as assurances of understanding and cooperation. But the leader of the Roman Catholic Church often goes beyond diplomatic niceties to explain his position on what he deems to be pressing problems or concerns.

When Cristina Ponce Enrile presented her credentials as Philippine ambassador to the Holy See almost a year ago, Pope Benedict XVI took note of the Global Forum on Migration being held in Manila at the time and asked world leaders to recognize immigration "as a resource for development rather than as an obstacle to it." He also said that the distinction between religion and politics was "a specific achievement of Christianity" and suggested that Church and State "support each other as they together serve the personal and social well-being of all." He urged Church and government leaders to "carry out their public duties with undaunted concern for the common good."

The Pope, however, was not in the mood to deliver another intellectual discourse last week when he received Enrile's successor at the Vatican post, Ambassador Mercedes Arrastia Tuason. Instead he focused on several critical issues affecting the Philippines. First, he expressed his "spiritual closeness and prayers," especially for those who lost their homes and their families in the floods brought by tropical storm "Ondoy." Then, he praised the "courageous steps" being taken by various groups, particularly the Bishops-Ulama Conference and the Mindanao People's Conference to "foster reconciliation and mutual understanding" in a region "scarred by conflicts." Finally, according to CBCP News, the official news service of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, the Pope urged Philippine public officials to rediscover the ethical foundations of their political authority. "The struggle against poverty in the Philippines calls for honesty, integrity and an unswerving fidelity to the principles of justice, especially on the part of those entrusted with positions of governance and public administration," he said.

No one needed divine inspiration to realize that the Pope was not only indicting the Arroyo administration for failing to alleviate mass poverty, he was laying the blame on the dishonest, corrupt and unjust practices of public officials. The barbed remarks must have been very embarrassing and humiliating for the new ambassador, especially since Tuason was with two other new foreign envoys. Not a pip in protest was heard from Tuason, however.

But then what could she have said? Even Malacañang, when it finally commented on the news Thursday, couldn't bring itself to say the Pope was wrong, misinformed or politically motivated—its standard responses to criticism. Instead it ignored the Pope's central message—to put a stop to official corruption and injustice—by interpreting it as an advice to select honest leaders. "The Pope's advice is very timely, especially now that elections are on the way," Deputy Presidential Spokesman Anthony Golez said. "Our countrymen should always vote for people with unwavering honesty and integrity. We join the Pope in his call for having upright leaders voted in the coming elections."

What the administration is saying is: Don't look at us now, look at the leaders you will elect. But in trying to divert public attention to the election, the Palace seems to be admitting every accusation the Pope has leveled against it, albeit indirectly—from being corrupt and dishonest to perpetrating injustice and being a major cause of continuing poverty. The Pope's call for a struggle against poverty, for honesty and integrity in public service and for a regime of justice was addressed not only to future Filipino leaders but especially to the incumbents. By inviting the Filipinos to look at next year's election to find honest leaders, the administration is saying it is beyond redemption.



Blind-sided by disasters

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

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About-face

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

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'Human Development'—a brand name

SOCIAL CLIMATE



Mahar Mangahas

Too close to home

YOUNG BLOOD

Jahzeel Abibail G. Cruz

Discovering the magic—and meaning—of words

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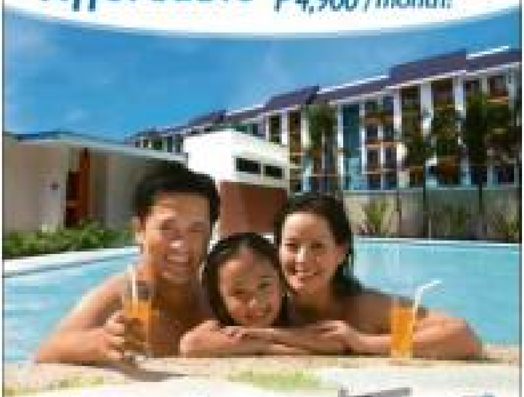
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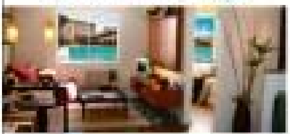
An inappropriate fiesta in Bulacan

LETTERS

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Tent city rising for flood victims

LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA—Tents continue to rise in a village in this town where there used to be streets.

Temporary

Other shelters

Ration dependent

Mosquitoes



Loss of land to lake sinking in among execs

On alert

Expert's view



CHILDREN sleep at an evacuation center in Los Baños, Laguna.

Expert tells Negros village execs: Prepare for landslides

Fire in Cavite kills 7 trapped in 3rd flr room

DOH warns consumers vs fake medicines

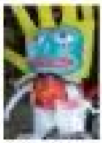
INQUIRER Visayas

MassKara: Celebration of 30 years of smiles

BACOLOD CITY'S MASSKARA Festival is celebrating 30 years of smiles this month, this time with a dramatic fusion of public art and street entertainment.



Oct. 14 spectacle



A GIANT figure takes shape.

MassKara Queen

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RP asks US Embassy to redeploy troops to N. Luzon

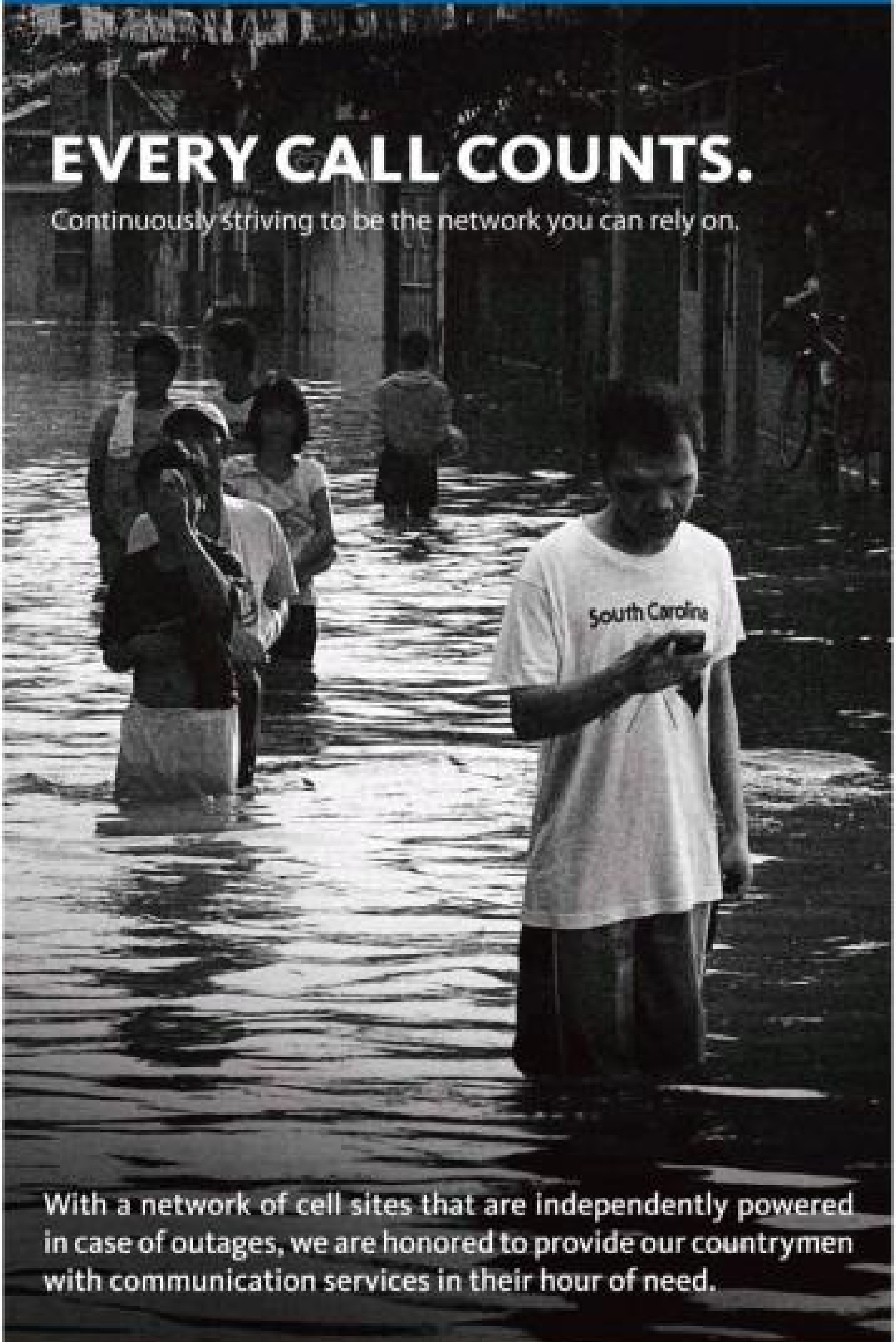
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Lacson off the hook in witness' slay

By Jeannette I. Andrade

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI) ended its investigation into the death of Dacer-Corbito double murder case witness Jimmy Lopez and his teenage female companion following the arrest of two of three persons who allegedly gunned down the pair.





Murder suspect pleads guilty in Barrameda case

State witness

Disclosure

Comparison between the rich and the poor

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo



QC judge in Villarosa complaint cleared

Lacson off the hook in witness' slay

METRO BRIEFS

In praise of heroes

Cory building at PLM

The WORLD

Egypt's top cleric bans face veil in some schools

CAIRO—EGYPT'S TOP ISLAMIC cleric said on Thursday that students and teachers will not be allowed to wear face veils in classrooms and dormitories of Sunni Islam's premier institute of learning, al-Azhar, part of a government effort to curb radical Islamic practices.



Chronicler of brutal dictatorship wins Nobel



MUELLER

Astor's son convicted of looting her $200-M fortune

Van Gogh was a writer too

Shooting the Moon: One giant blow for mankind



THE MOON in image taken by the Galileo spacecraft

WORLDBRIEFS

French official refuses to quit after furor

Study: 10 percent of US male dropouts are jailed

US House to extend hate crimes to cover gays

Minibus bomb kills 30, wounds 100 in Pakistan



PLDT-SMART Foundation's Gabay Guro Salutes Our Unsung Heroes



Manny V. Pangilinan, Chairman PLDT & SMART, the brain behind the Gabay Guro Program

What is the one thing that's common among all the doctors, lawyers, architects, nurses, engineers and accountants of the world? In every milestone, they were tirelessly taught, shaped and inspired by the very pillars and champions of education; the ones that helped mold them to what and where they are today: our teachers. And to celebrate their lifelong dedication to always bring out the best in us, what's a day to remember and honor them?

The Gabay Guro Program supports and uplifts the professional development of our teachers through scholarship grants, English proficiency and computer literacy trainings. Through this endeavor, PLDT's thrust goes side by side with the Department of Education's commitment to improve the quality of education in the country. It is PLDT's way of giving back and giving more to those who give, unconditionally.

For its 2nd year, the PLDT-SMART Foundation with the PLDT Managers' Club Incorporated (PLDT MCI) and its supportive partners, once again commemorate teachers' unflinching dedication and hard work through the Gabay Guro Teacher's Day on October 10, 3 days before O'Day, selected teachers/partners from different provinces will be flown in to Manila to enjoy special treatment and attend various special PLDT-conducted seminars and activities.

On that special day, PLDT will be changing lives, of the ones who have changed ours.

If interested to support this noble cause, drop by any PLDT-SMART Foundation Gabay Guro booth or visit www.gabayguro.com.

















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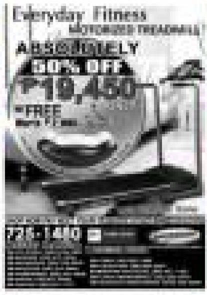
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SPORTS

Aguilar finally signs up with BK

Be part of the solution, not the problem, MVP tells him









Black-Rabeh partnership gets job done for Eagles



Chongson unsure of future with Warriors



CHONGSON

Imports will play key ABL role, says Alas



DIXON



A 'stubborn' little lifter's grand Olympic dreams

ACE HARDWARE OPENS IN SM HYPERMARKET MAKATI



ACE Hardware, the Helpful Place, opens its 40th branch in the Philippines recently along President Osmeña Highway in Makati.

The 438 square meter store is located on the Lower Ground Floor of the building where SM Hypermarket recently opened. And as homemakers can shop for fresh food straight from the source, groceries, clothes, accessories, and home items at the Hypermarket, home improvement enthusiasts can shop for their helpful solutions at ACE Hardware.

Like all ACE Hardware stores worldwide, the new Makati store has a wide assortment of items for the usual handyman - power tools, electrical and lighting fixtures, building materials, indoor equipment, and items for the car and home. It also has a lawn and garden section, as well as exclusive products like lead free and odorless ACE Paints with 3,000 colors to choose from. With its automated color matching program, you simply have to bring your swatches, which the computer will scan and give you the colors you want.

Shopping fun awaits customers at the new store. These include discounts and savings on items that celebrate Outdoor Fun for Everyone - tents, grills, rechargeable lanterns until October 31. Likewise, every P500 single or accumulated purchase until November 15 entitles one to a raffle coupon and a chance to win one of two Honda Wave Motorcycles in the OMNI promotion. You can earn rewards points and double your chances of winning when you use your Prestige Card, SM Advantage Card, and BDO Rewards Card.

Check out the newly opened ACE Hardware branch at SM Hypermarket Makati. Other stores are located at SM Makati, SM Cubao, SM Megamall, SM Southmall, SM City Manila, SM City Bicutan, SM City San Lazaro, SM City Manila, as well as SM Supercenters in Pasig, Valenzuela, and Las Piñas. In the provincial areas, ACE Hardware stores are located at the SM Supermalls in Bacoor, Dasmariñas, Molino, Batangas, Naga, Lucena, Clark, Marilao, Baguio, Rosales, Baliwag, and Sta. Rosa in Luzon; as well as Cebu, Iloilo, Davao, and Cagayan de Oro in the Visayas and Mindanao. These items are also available at ACE Builders Centers at SM City North EDSA, SM City Fairview, and SM City Pampanga.



















Bombers destroy Generals, keep top 2 hopes alive

By Jasmine W. Payo

LAGUNA LAKE GOLF

Aunzo ahead; Bibat-Park paces pro-am

By Marcus Castillo



Third volley title clash for Lady Stags, Lady Blazers

By Cedelf P. Tupas

Ateneo's Ravena WBL opener guest

SPORTSWATCH

FIfa U-20 World Cup on Balls

7-stag derby at SJC today

Makati 'Big Event' fires off



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Turalba, Orduna spearheads of RP bid in world karting

Will Japeth play the Super Jilt?

BARE EYE



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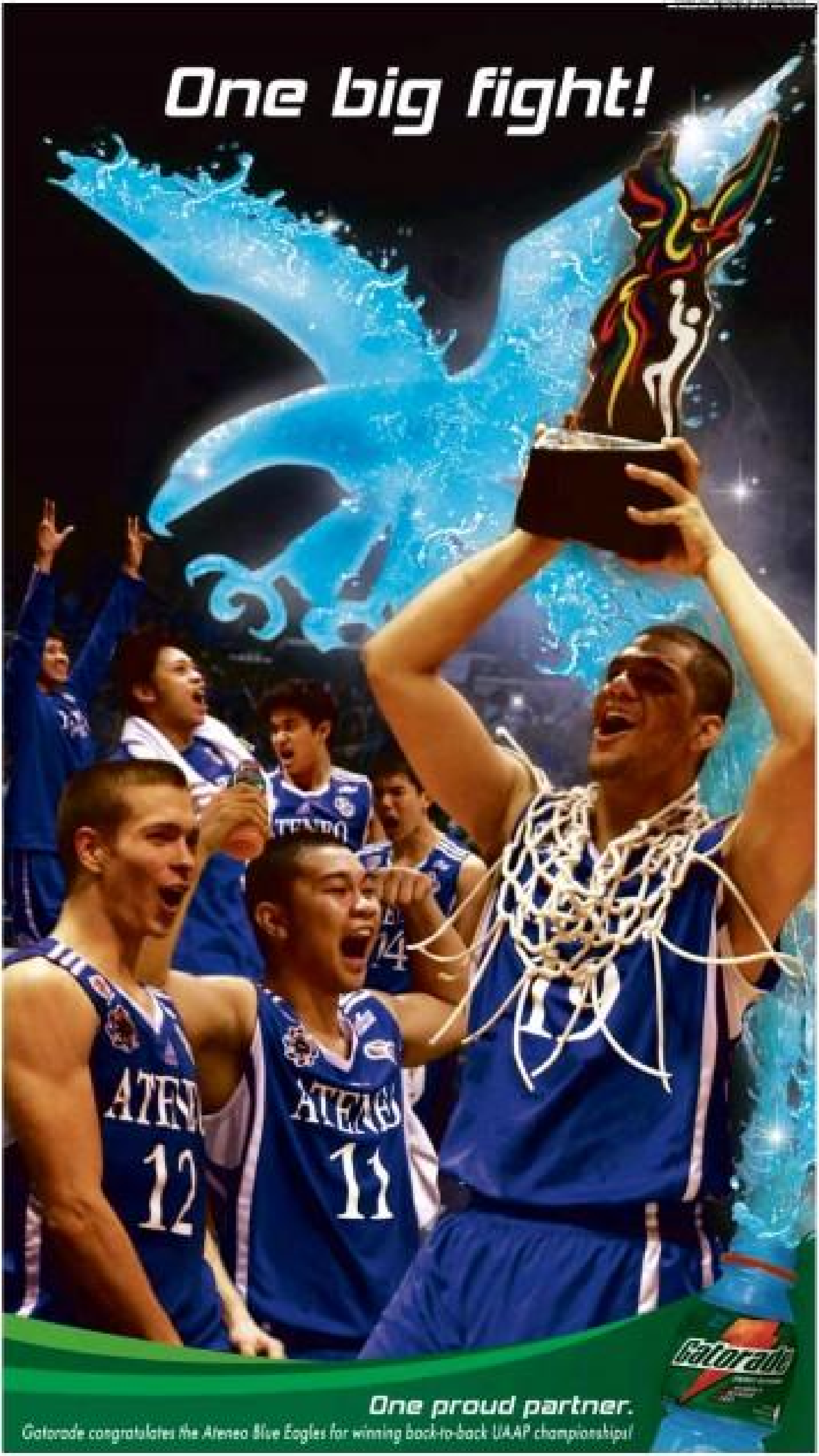
PRESIDENTS CUP

Woods-led US posts slim lead



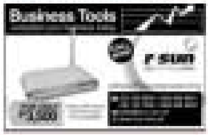
Angping vows fatter athletes' paycheck

Timex Run gets going Nov. 15; celebs expected


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Gatorade congratulates the Ateneo Blue Eagles for winning back-to-back UAAP championships!

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Banks face billions in loan defaults

THE COUNTRY'S BANKING SYSTEM IS FACING BILLIONS of pesos worth of loan defaults due to the devastation wrought by storms in recent weeks, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

Tradewinds

Currencies



Stock Market

Shares close lower



RP growth may exceed even most optimistic forecast

THE COUNTRY'S ACTUAL GROWTH RATE may exceed government expectations for this year and the next, as the global economic turmoil eases, while domestic and global consumption pick up.

Asia blazes path to recovery

Consortium hears cash tills ring in Galoc oil sale

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Atlas unit boosts copper output, hikes shipment

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Over 100 undercapitalized rural banks under watch

Owners urged to infuse funds or seek stronger buyers

Renewable energy perks ready by '10



PEOPLE POWER Employees of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, who offered their time and effort to help the victims of Tropical Storm "Ondoy," get briefed at a branch before going to the relief and evacuation centers.

'Roadtrains' to ply SCTEx

PLDT launches TV over DSL service

Gas standard consultations set

Erratum

On the print ad of the Security Bank Corporation dated Oct. 5, 2009 (p7, Business Section), the official insurance statement of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation should read: **"Member of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation. Maximum Deposit Insurance for Each Depositor P500,000".**

SCIENCE/HEALTH

DOC'S WARNING TO PATIENTS

Don't let stress take its toll on your heart



BELLOSILLO



PRIETO

By Charles E. Buban

A LEADING CARdiologist has warned of a potential epidemic of stroke and heart attack among the 15 million Filipinos who suffer from some form of cardiovascular disease, that is if they don't take it easy these days.

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Regular exercise

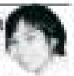
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Chances of death by aliens

DISCOVER



Maurie Santos Ballon

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Ways the world will end

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Odds of person dying

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What makes people happy?



FAMILY-ORIENTED Bruneians sending their relatives off at the airport

MEDICAL FILES



Rafael Castillo, M.D.

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Healthcare system

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> The greatest dividends happy people get is their better health

Health and happiness

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BING Sabado: happy Filipino in Brunei

Previous studies

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Modern lifestyle takes spotlight at The Trion Towers





Learning from 'Ondoy'

LIVING ARCHITECTURE



Camella's Lessandra offers complete amenities at reasonable cost

East Raya Gardens assures safety of residents with good location

Megaworld launches Newport City's The Palmtree



PROPERTY

How to buy a house that won't get flooded

By Tessa R. Salazar

SEE THE GLASS HALF FULL, NOT half empty.

> The onset of the rainy season should be the perfect time to look for property whether you're planning to buy a vacant lot, a beach home, commercial property or a residential home



FAYE BORDEOS IS SOLIGNUM 2010 CALENDAR MODEL



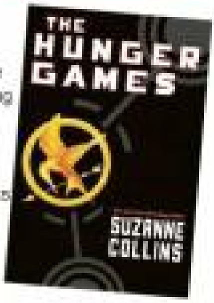
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Hungry for more 'Hunger Games'



THINK OUR REALITY TV is bad? Imagine a live TV show fanatically followed by millions where 24 teenagers must make it through a deadly obstacle course and kill each other. Welcome to "The Hunger Games," the first of a new trilogy by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic Press, New York, 2008, 374 pages).



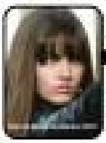
Warning: due to an intriguing future and a winning heroine, the first two books in Suzanne Collins' new trilogy are addictive

Who should play Katniss Everdeen in the movie?

Miley Cyrus? No way



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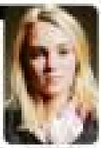


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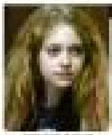
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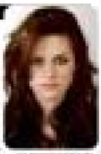
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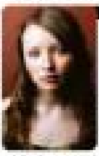
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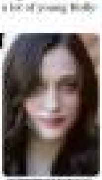
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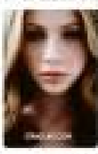
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Ameme Online—from RTW to made-to-order



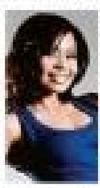
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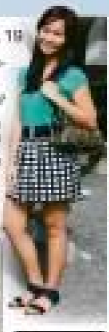




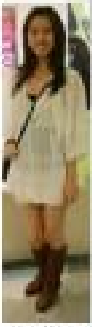
Hungry for more 'Hunger Games'

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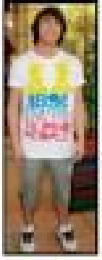
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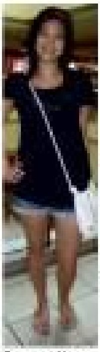
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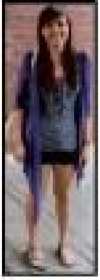
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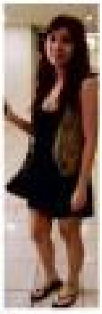
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Be a stylist with just a few mouse clicks

Online Looklet is the latest craze with fashion lovers

By Renna Capili

WORKING in the fashion industry is often tagged as "the most fun job." To be constantly surrounded by clothes, shoes, bags, makeup, and jewelry and attending the latest launches and parties—which are all considered to be "official business"—just takes the cake for some.

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Take a look at what these Looklet lovers are saying:

Samantha T. Godinez, 22
Freelance Photographer

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Angela Alarcon, 33
Freelance Stylist

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"STREET COUTURE" designed by Samantha Godinez



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Louis Claparols
Designer

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Comic relief goods

By Pam Pastor

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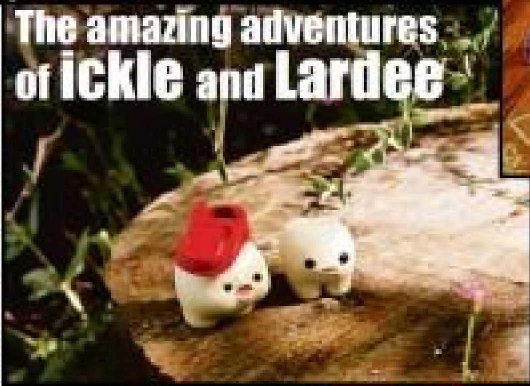
Lacy thongs, sequined bags, Halloween costumes and other things that made it to the Donation Hall of Shame

Heavily inspired

SUPER EXCLUSIVE

The amazing adventures of ickle and Lardee

And the video game illustrator who created them





HOPSCOTCH BUDDIES: Ickle and Lardee play hopscotch on a summer Sunday

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Milk tooth

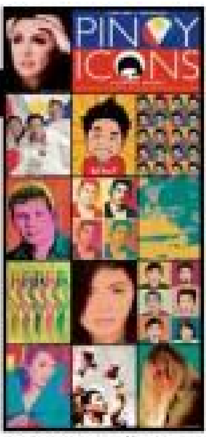
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GALLERY 7 did an exhibit of Pinoy icons rendered in pop art styles.

Method madness

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SUPER EXCLUSIVE

Random acts and YouTube hits

Meet the people behind the popular 'sing your McDonald's order' video

By Pam Pastor

WE'VE ALL SEEN the video…

A group of people in New Zealand ordering food from McDonald's by singing their own version of Jason Mraz's hit "I'm Yours." It's a hit on YouTube—318,041 views and a solid five-star rating (a major feat considering 1,205 people rated)—and the link has also made rounds on Twitter, Facebook and various blogs.

Bigger story

Realizing that there's a bigger story behind this YouTube hit, Super tracked down the members of Family Life Education Pasifika (FLEP), the group that created the video. "We rehearsed the song around the office once and then headed out to a McDonald's across town."



CHANGING THE WORLD one Random Act at a time. (From left) Gus Autagavaia, Perry Rosaro, Bobby MacDonald, Iri Auvaasaga, Ruth Liu, Donna Tusika, Sefi Alexander Pua, Nancy Alexander Pua and Adrienne Samuels



FLEP'S Chicken Dance

"It was nerve-racking! I had sweaty palms! Haha! I was more concerned with getting my cues right so as not to stuff up the whole order and also because I had to push in line to get my order through. I didn't want to upset anyone in the queue,"

said Iri Auvaasaga, the third singer in the video.

"And we never expected the cashier to start singing along. She's got guts!" added Sefi Alexander Pua.

After they shot the video, people kept approaching them around the mall, wanting to know more. "It was creating a bit of a buzz."

But FLEP isn't just about posting cool videos online. "We're a health education provider based in Auckland. We run programs in schools, tertiary institutions, community groups, churches and prisons. We are a Pacific organization that is committed to empowering all communities to enhance their capacity to improve well-being. We use a wide range of creative media to enhance dialogue with communities. We use music, art, drama, dance and humor," says manager William Pua."

Hooked

After realizing that more and more young people are getting hooked on social networking sites, FLEP decided they needed to be online too. "We needed an online presence, something that would get the youth interested and talking about FLEP and the work we do."

They launched their project "Random Acts, Island Styles" in February of this year. "We started performing random acts of drama and music out and about in the community."

Their McDonald's stunt was one of them. There are more—the best man's speech that had the entire wedding party bursting in laughter, singing on escalators, the unexpected disco song at a shopping center, a gorilla playing the drums in a busy intersection, and even one of them doing the chicken dance with a giant duck on [illegible] all over the city.

These videos are all available for viewing on YouTube.

"Everyone you see in that McDonald's clip and all our other Random Acts videos are FLEP volunteers: from the people holding the cameras and the cell phones that you see. We all sit around as a group and discuss ideas for possible Random Acts."

Chicken dance

The FLEP have their own favorites. Ruth Liu said, "Mine was the Chicken Dance. The reason so much fun to make, it brought back good memories from primary school."

Ron [illegible] and Adrienne Samuels agree on the Gorilla Drumming in busy intersection. "It was our first Random Act and it was such an adrenaline rush, setting up those drums in a busy intersection!" they said.

Because "Random Acts, Island Styles" was an attempt to reach out to young people in Auckland, the FLEP educators were surprised to realize that they now had fans from around the world. "It's been cool. It's become much more popular than we ever expected! We sort of thought, that it would just stay local but the international interest has been amazing!" said Sefi Alexander Pua.

They even got the attention of Jason Mraz who ended up blogging about their video on his website. Jason wrote, "I dig what these talented people are doing by taking their act into the real world, being joyous and confident to shine their light in random acts, reaching others in their wonderful state of play."

The people behind FLEP said, "We did this really in the hopes that it would lighten up somebody's day, bring a smile to someone's face." And the amount of feedback tells us they've been doing just that.

Great opportunities

Pua adds, "The project has generated some great opportunities for us. We've been contacted by local charities asking us to perform to raise funds for some great causes. There are even people posting videos on YouTube of them performing the McDonald's Order in their own languages at their local McDonald's! It's crazy!"

They've even gotten requests at other fastfood places. "We went to our local KFC and were recognized by the staff there. They asked us to sing them a song and they'd give us all free dessert! And because we were all hungry, we did! It was a dream!" he said.

Bobby MacDonald shares why he loves being part of Random Acts. "We get to try new things out. We're exploring the medium of video. We're learning to push ourselves out of our comfort zone."

Their families are also happy about the work they've been doing.

Adrienne said, "They love it! My seven-year-old niece knows all the words to the McDonald's Order."

"Some of my young nephews and nieces think we're famous now! Haha!" Pua added.

Challenge

When asked which Random Act has been the most challenging to pull off, they said it was the Best Man's Speech (Bad) Wedding Song. "That took the longest to write, especially because it was a secret that the groom kept turning up in our office where we were trying to write it! That was so frustrating!"

There was also one Random Act they regret doing. "Our first Random Act inspired by the Cadbury gorilla drumming ad. We spent two days filming our drummer, Seb, in the gorilla suit playing along to the Phil Collins song in random places across town like the Auckland Zoo, roundabouts and shopping centers. When we finally finished filming and editing it, we uploaded it on Youtube and within an hour it was removed for breach of copyright because of the use of the Phil Collins song! Haha! What a waste!"

And while they've had many unforgettable moments while doing their Random Acts, one stands out in particular. "We filmed two whole days worth of footage of different FLEP members doing Random Acts in the gorilla suit, wearing the gorilla suit and going to a fast [illegible] and asking for a [illegible], things like that. After a long day of filming, our graphic artist accidentally pressed 'delete all' on our DV camera and destroyed two whole days of work!"

Still, the FLEP educators are undeterred in their quest to perform more Random Acts around their city. They also have advice for people who want to create a similar movement in their own neighborhood: "Plan it out. Plan for different scenarios. It may not go exactly as planned so be prepared. Films have different angles. It's good to be creative and try new things. Just go for it! Get out there and give it a go."

Visit www.flep.co.nz.

2bU LifeStyle





Everyone's heroic shirt

New shirt designs aim to raise funds for 'Ondoy' victims

By Trixie Gosingtian
Contributor

THE INTERNET CAN BE THE perfect place to get discovered, and Mark Gosingtian, a fresh BFA Information Design graduate from the Ateneo de Manila University, can surely attest to this. His iconic graphic design with the catchphrase, "Where I'm from, everyone's a hero," spread like wildfire at the height of Tropical Storm "Ondoy" relief operations and volunteer work last week. It was reblogged by 1,600 people on Tumblr, was shown on the newspaper and on TV, and was also used as profile pictures in various websites such as Twitter and Facebook, among others.

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By Bernie Capili



PRESENT "Six P.M." by Nick Joaquin printed on a yellow tunic

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World Animal Day on October 10! A Celebration for a Cause



October 4 is officially known as the World Animal Day, and was initiated by animal welfare groups from different countries to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful animals around us. This year, the Philippine Animal Welfare Society and SM Mall of Asia have chosen to celebrate World Animal Day at a later date, as many animals have been displaced from their homes by the recent tragedy of the typhoon Ondoy, and PAWS dedicated itself to the rescue and rehabilitation of these unfortunate creatures.

"We intend for the Philippine World Animal Day events to be not only a huge celebration among animal lovers, but also a statement on how we can all contribute to improving the welfare of animals," says PAWS Program Director Anna Cabrera.

Have your pets blessed at the special mass at 11 AM that will be celebrated at MOA grounds first thing in the morning—and you and your pets are in for a day of exciting activities such as free photo walls, face-painting and arts & crafts sessions. An exhibit of the winners and finalists of YOCard's Visuals with Visions contest, with the themes "Save the Seas" from Haribon Foundation and "Pet Adoption of Stray Animals" from PAWS, will also be opened to the public.

The first-ever concert for animals will commence at 5 PM, with performances from animal-loving celebrities that include Bamboo, Rivermaya, Rakista, Apple Chiu, Paranoia, Giniuban Sopla, The Late Isabel, Cee, Joey Ayala, Aiza Paras, Nina Alejandro, Rachel Alejandro, Anna Manaoag, Circle of Life, Hail O World, True Faith with special performance by Twilight's Sam Bradley.

In light of the recent tragedy of the typhoon Ondoy, **PAWS is accepting donations for the animals affected and displaced by the flood waters.** You can bring in your donations in the form of pet food, rolled pages, dog shampoo, old blankets, and medicine to the PAWS booth at MOA on October 10, 11 am to 5 pm. Commemorate this special occasion through charitable acts for our unfortunate animal friends with MOA, PAWS, Aipo Chop House, McDonald's, Frontline Plus, Magnolia Health Tea, Magnolia Fruit Drink, Magnolia Pure Water, By Nature Handmade Soaps, Human Nature, Yes Movement, The Picture Company, Paperworld, Mypetchannel.tv, and the Philippine Star's Pet Life Section.



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October 18-23

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Happenings at MOA

Sam Bradley LIVE in Manila!
October 10 | Music Hall | 8PM
The songwriter of Rob Pattinson's "Never Think" from the Twilight Soundtrack, comes to MOA. Get up, close and personal with Sam Bradley and listen to him perform songs from his new album.

Spin Masters' Flip & Brawl
October 16 – 18 | Main Mall Atrium
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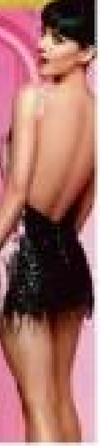
It's Time to Learn Green @ MOA's Green Film Festival
October 21 | Cinema 3 | 10AM
Climate change is now a reality! Do your share, get involved and learn more about the environment as MOA presents fascinating movies and documentaries.

Philippine Fashion Week
October 22 – 28 | Main Mall Atrium | 6PM
Feast your eyes on the latest fashion trends from some of the country's top designers and clothing brands.

A Voice for Our Future, A Voice for a Better Life
October 23 | San Miguel by the Bay
5PM onwards
Hear the youth's voice raised in symphony in this week-long music festival that aims to empower the youth in their hopes for a better future. Uplifting songs of empowerment and positive values will be performed by an all-star line-up.

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October 23 – 24 | Music Hall | (TIME)
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UN Day at SM Mall of Asia
October 25 | Entertainment Mall | 10 AM – 10 PM
Join us at MOA in this annual event that celebrates unity in diversity with kids dressed in costumes representing the countries of the world.



KATY PERRY LIVE @ MOA ON NOVEMBER 14

November 14 is a but-not-miss date in Manila's social calendar as MTV Philippines Live Concert Series brings you the hot American music sensation Katy Perry, performing on an explosive one-night-only concert at the MOA Concert Grounds. With hits such as Ur So Gay, I Kissed a Girl, Hot N Cold from the chart-topping debut album, One of the Boys, Katy Perry is ready to set the Manila night on fire!

According to Mariel Flaviano, MTV's Marketing & Communications Director, "We are currently reviewing our budget and local artists to join the cause. We feel that through the universal language of music, we will be able to unite and move everyone to help out." Net proceeds of the concert will benefit the victims of the typhoon 'Ondoy'.

SATURDAY *Special*

What's cooking, Meryl?

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD
Ruben V. Nepales



LOS ANGELES—IN A column last August, we ... Meryl Streep, the actress, for continuing to share her acting gifts with us (she is deliciously good in "Julie & Julia") and for being a wonderful interview subject, as well.

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STREEP (WITH STANLEY TUCCI). "Cooking is an act of love."

Sassy Pinoy twist for 'Lovers in Paris'

By [illegible]



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What's cooking, Meryl?

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STREEP: Portrays pioneering TV chef in "Julie & Julia."

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In the kitchen

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Winners' circle

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DELA CRUZ: Penned "Judith and the King of the Sea."

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Sassy Pinoy twist for 'Lovers in Paris'

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'Celebrity Duets' is a mixed bag . . .

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More gloss than substance in 'Surrogates'



WILLIS: Cast as a hardened, rough-around-the-edges FBI agent.

Special effects

Graphic novel

Filmmaking is a race to the finish line for Max Lemcke



LEMCKE: Quiet intensity

Late bloomer

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'Celebrity Duets' is a mixed bag of tricks—and shticks



ALAJAR: Poised routine in her production number with Rachel Alejandro.

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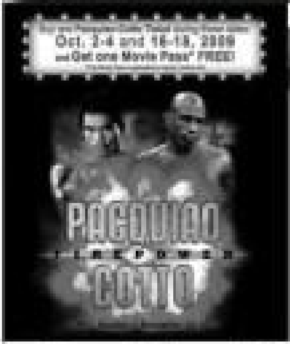


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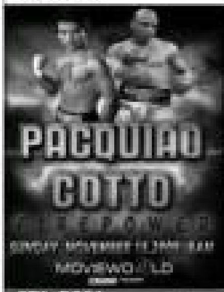
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Not much truth to Heigl and Butler's rom-com pairing

By [illegible]

THERE'S HARDLY ANY TRUTH, ugly or otherwise, in "The Ugly Truth," what there is is a lot of [illegible]. A romantic comedy that brings together a TV producer (Katherine Heigl), who starts out as a [illegible] control freak, and a chauvinistic talk-show host (Gerard Butler) with caveman ethics, the film breaks no new ground and, in fact, even recycles a little.

Directed by Robert Luketic, the film follows the usual rom-com formula of boy meets girl, boy and girl don't get along, then end up together despite all previous hindrances, such as different values and personal priorities. If you're the type who can suspend disbelief for prolonged periods, this film can work for you. But, if you bring working brain cells into the picture, then the story [illegible] what charm it has.

Heigl's character, Abby, begins as a strong, ballsy career woman who doesn't hesitate to grab the bull by its horns. Then, her personality undergoes a 180-degree change. The script has her agreeing to pretend to be what she's not in order to win the "prize"—in this case, the perfect man, a surgeon [illegible] who meets all the requirements on her checklist.

Butler's character starts out as a crass and boundless man who helps "transform" Abby into every man's ideal woman by doing away with all the traits that make her strong and replacing them with those belonging to your typical doormat. They have him undergo a character change, as well.

Eligibility

Anyone with an even slightly feminist bent would be outraged with what Heigl's character, no slouch in terms of attractiveness and eligibility, needs to do just to get a decent man. It's a surprise to learn that the story is penned by three women—you'd have expected more championing for the beleaguered feminist cause.

Instead, what we get in the movie is an almost complete rejection of a woman's right to be sought after for herself, without having to fill degrading stereotypes.

Heigl and Butler do their best with the material they're given, resulting in occasionally funny moments throughout the film. It doesn't hurt that Butler, in particular, plays the modern caveman so well. However, no amount of onscreen chemistry and acting prowess can fill in the gaps left by the story. The script relies heavily on raunchy repartee and sex-driven dialogue, which is sometimes so sickening that you feel embarrassed for the actors.



BUTLER AND HEIGL. Occasional funny moments.



NOW SHOWING

Life is no song and dance in 'Fame's' fantasyland

By [illegible]

"Fame"

Dir. Kevin Tancharoen

Cast: Asher Book, Naturi Naughton and Anna Maria Perez de Tagle

THE LATEST INCARNATION OF the 1980 movie musical, "Fame," starts out auspiciously. In its updated version, the film follows a group of promising students at the New York City School of Performing Arts as they hone their skills to prepare themselves for the ultimate payback—fame.

Director Kevin Tancharoen delivers an exciting and brisk-paced first half as he introduces his main characters. There's the vocally gifted heartthrob, Marco (Asher Book); the classically trained pianist, Denise (Naturi Naughton), who longs to break away from the rigid and exacting standards of classical music; the talented but painfully self-conscious Jenny (Kay Panabaker).

The self-assured and predatory campus jock, Andy (Cody Longo); the hot-tempered dancer, Alice (Kherington Payne); the second wise-cracker, Malik (Collins Pennie); the quirky wannabe filmmaker, Neil (Paul Iacono), and the feisty singer-actress, Joy [illegible] Anna Maria Perez de Tagle).



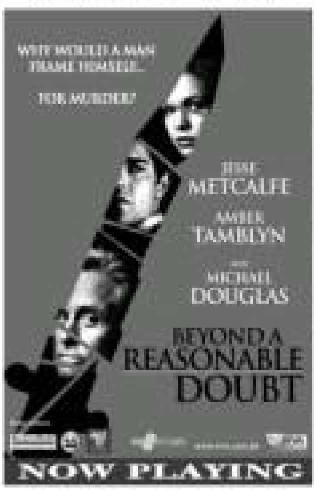
NAUGHTON, BOOK AND PEREZ DE TAGLE. Youthful exuberance.

Glorious rendition

Standouts are Book and Naughton. The former's stunning voice complements his boy-band good looks (his glorious rendition of John Legend's "Ordinary People" is nothing short of breathtaking), while the latter, who sounds like a hybrid of Chaka Khan and Jennifer Hudson, sings "Out Here On My Own" like there's no tomorrow.

For her part, Perez de Tagle possesses a sprightly adorable presence, but isn't really required to do much (her most head-turning moment comes when she's asked to rap while [illegible], which is a letdown, because the girl is obviously

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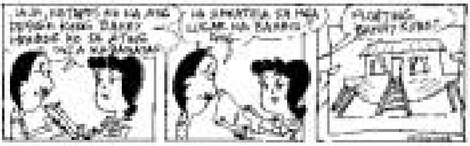
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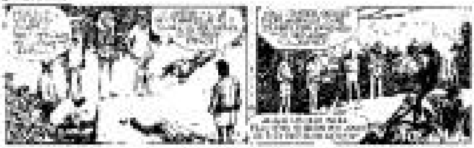
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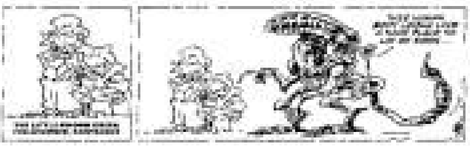
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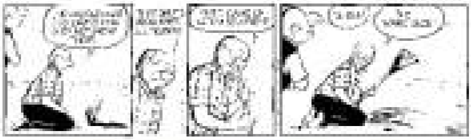
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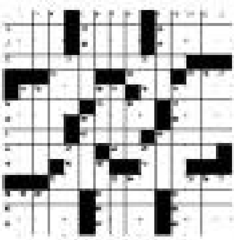


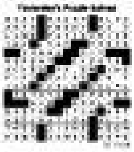




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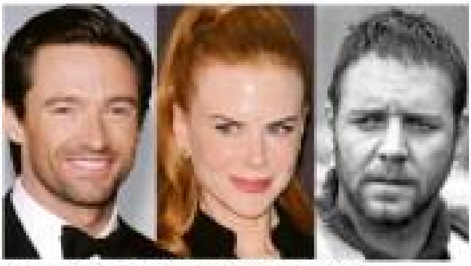
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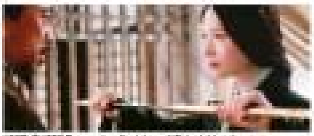
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Life is no song and dance

Talented cast

NGC docu investigates King Tut's burial



"RED CLIFF" Dramatizes final days of China's Han dynasty.

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Tribute to teachers

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Enthusiastic performances energize 'Yaya and Angelina'



How Padre Pio suffered for his faith

